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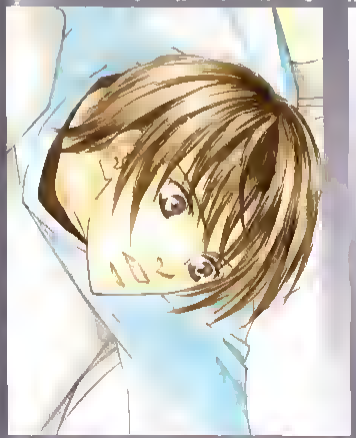

SHINSHOKAN

In the weird house of Wakeari Raizou has fallen in love. His object of desire is Kon. Even though Kon is an antisocial pretty boy he does not laugh at Raizou. As the intense love scene of the tenants continues day after day Raizou begins to like Kon more and more. At the same time Kon is doing a secret 'job' for clients that come to the house. The Love Destiny that you can't escape from by Shimizu Yuki commences now!

YUKI SHIMIZU

WAKI
IS IT TIME TO MAKE FOOD?
NOW
NO
KON...
-ZE-
IT'S ALL RIGHT IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DO IT NOW
HOW
IT SEEMS A NEW 'HOUSEKEEPER' HAS ARRIVED

-ZE-
第一話_カミの棲む家

ALL RIGHT, YOUR ATTENTION, GUYS.
STARTING TODAY, THIS ...UH... SHICHIKAWA RAIZOU
WILL BE STAYING WITH US IN THIS HOUSE.
I HOPE YOU'LL ALL LEARN TO GET ALONG VERY WELL.
I'M SHICHIKAWA RAIZOU!!!
LAST SPRING I WENT TO A SPECIAL SCHOOL SO THAT I COULD OBTAIN A LICENSE TO BECOME A COOK!
I'M AN AVERAGE PERSON AND I HOPE YOU'LL ALL GIVE ME YOUR GUIDANCE!
IS THIS FOR REAL... WAKI?
I MEAN, WHY STUDY RUN?!
AND WITH THAT KIND OF FACE, A RAIZOU?!?!*
* RAIZOU IS SUPPOSED TO BE SOME KIND OF IMPRESSIVE NAME... AND THIS RAIZOU DOESN'T HAVE AN IMPRESSIVE FACE.

AFTER GRADUATION I CAME TO THE CAPITAL
SHICHIKAWA RAIZOU IS MY REAL NAME
EVEN IF I DON'T LOOK IT, I AM JAPANESE
IF HE IS TO BE OUR HOUSEKEEPER, HE CAN JUST DROP BY TO DO HIS CHORES.
HE DOESN'T HAVE TO STAY HERE, UNDER THE SAME ROOF.
THAT KID ...
HE RECENTLY LOST HIS FAVORITE GRANDMOTHER, WHO HE WAS VERY CLOSE TO....
NOT ONLY THAT, HE LOST HIS HOME TO SOMETHING KNOWN AS INHERITANCE TAXES.

WELL THEN, PLEASE INTRODUCE YOURSELVES
I TRUST YOU GUYS WON'T REFUSE RIGHT?
WELL THIS KIND OF THING,
IT'S LIKE AN INTRODUCTION TO REAL ESTATE AGENTS
WELL THERE'S NOT MUCH OF A CHOICE,
RIGHT, RAIZOU-KUN?
YES!
MY NAME IS MITOU OUKA,
AND THIS IS MY CUTE LITTLE HUMAN DOLL,
BENIO, NICE TO MEET YOU

HUMAN DOLL? NO MATTER HOW I LOOK AT IT, IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S TOUCHING REAL FLESH!
SA-ME HERE!
SINCE I'LL BE STAYING HERE FOR FREE,
I'LL BE DOING THE COOKING, WASHING, AND OTHER HOUSEHOLD CHORES!
COOKING ....
CAN YOU MAKE EVERY-THING?
YES!
EVEN ICE-CREAM?
YEAH, I CAN MAKE THAT
OLIKA-SAN WAS NICE, THIS GUY'S ALSO NICE
UWAA
THEY SOUND LIKE NICE PEOPLE!
HA
HA
HA

YOU CAN ALWAYS KILL HIM WITH A CURSE TO SHUT HIM UP.
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, KONOE?
EVEN IF ANYTHING GOES WRONG,
ISN'T THAT GREAT?
LOOKS LIKE EVERYONE'S GETTING ALONG JUST FINE.
AH!
DAMN THIS CAN'T BE TRUE
A CURSE TO KILL SOMEONE?!
A CURSE ...?!
MUWAHAHAHA
I'M KONOE
I'M THE GUY WHO'S VERY HAPPY TO HEAR ABOUT THE ICE-CREAM FOR MITOU KOTOHA.
NICE TO MEET YOU
YE-YEAH
HEY!
YES.

KON!
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER
IF EVERY-ONE HAD JUST BEEN SEL-FISH
BYE
"KON"
SO THAT'S KON-KUN, HUH
I'M SORRY IF THIS A LITTLE DAMP, BUT HERE!
A PIL-LOW?
YOUR FUTON ISN'T HERE YET,
SO CAN YOU PUT UP WITH THAT FOR THE TIME BEING?
AH
BY THEY WAY, YOU'LL BE SHARING ROOMS WITH KON
KON WILL SHOW YOU TO YOUR ROOM
EH??

IT SEEMS THAT MY NEW AND EXCITING LIFE...
IS ABOUT TO START...
EHHHH!
GRANDMA
HUH?
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO SEE MANY MORE EVIL GODS THAN THAT ONE...
UH... KON-KUN, HAVE YOU EVER SEEN ONE BEFORE?
I SAW A 'ZASHIKI WARASHI' JUST ONCE BEFORE AT A FRIEND'S HOUSE...
UH...
WALK
WELL, WHY DOES IT SEEM THAT THERE'S SOME KIND OF 'ZASHIKI WARASHI'* LIVING HERE?
WALK
...
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*"JAPANESE GHOST FOUND IN THE HOUSE, USUALLY REFERRED TO AS "LITTLE BOY IN THE ...OOM". ONE OF THE SPIRITS WHICH MAY PLAY TRICKS ON YOU, YET BRINGS YOU GOOD LUCK.

THERE ARE A LOT OF THOSE UNCLEAN THINGS IN THIS HOUSE SO THEY SAY
IF YOU WANT TO LEAVE YOU SHOULD DO IT NOW
OH WOW
DAMN CUTE KID
AND ARE YOU LISTENING TO WHAT I'M SAYING?!
YOU DUMB-ASS!
OF COURSE I WAS!
I DON'T HAVE A SIXTH SENSE OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT, SO IT'S ALL RIGHT.
IT'S ALL RIGHT!
THE ZAGHIKI MUTSUSHI WAS THE FIRST AND LAST THING I SAW.

OPEN
THAT'S TRUE
I'M USING THE RED THOUGH
OTHER THAN THAT, YOU CAN USE ANYTHING ELSE IN THIS ROOM
SO YEAH, BYE
AH! KON-KUN!
DO YOU HAVE ANY REQUESTS FOR DINNER?
NO. I DON'T
NO MATTER WHAT YOU MAKE FOR DINNER, I WON'T BE EATING IT
SO THERE'S NO POINT IN TELLING YOU ANYTHING
GRANDMA

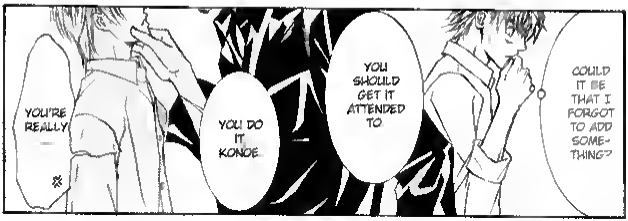
AM I BEING HATED BY SOMEONE?
TEARS UP
NO! I MUST PRESS ON!
FIRST, I SHOULD GO MAKE DINNER!
TO LET EVERYONE ACKNOWLEDGE ME, I'M GOING TO MAKE A DELICIOUS MEAL!
I'VE FINALLY FINISHED MAKING ENOUGH FOR 7 PEOPLE
IT'S DONE! ♡

PEOPLE WHO DRINK WINE BEFORE DINNER, CAN'T STOMACH THEIR FOOD WELL, THERE'S NO CHOICE THEN
KNOCK KNOCK
ON TO THE NEXT PERSON
OPENS
OUKA-SAN!
I'VE FINISHED MAKING DINNER!
DOESN'T HAVE THE HEART TO GO.
MY BAD.
I'LL GO WHEN I FEEL LIKE IT
CAN YOU GO AHEAD AND EAT FIRST?
SORRY FOR INTERRUPTING!
WAKI-SAN!
I'VE MADE DINNER ALREADY
THANKS!

NNNNN.....!
OUKA-SAMA!
BLEEDS
DINNER?
IT'S ALREADY THAT LATE HUH?
I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT, BUT I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF TEACHING DISCIPLINE.
YOU CAN JUST LEAVE MY SHARE OUTSIDE MY ROOM, THOUGH.
DISCIPLINE?! IS THAT REALLY TEACHING DISCIPLINE?!
NO MATTER HOW I LOOK AT IT, IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE DOING SOMETHING DAMN EROTIC!!
RUNS AWAY
INDOOR
AHH!
OUKA-SAMA!
CLOSE
AHH?

WOBBLE
WOBBLE
Slurp
YO!
HE GOT DOWN TO EATING IT FIRST
STUFF
STUFF
STUFF
GRAND-MA,
THE CAPITAL IS A FANTASTIC PLACE!
AH,
KONOE'S PORTION
THERE'S STILL A LOT LEFT OVER
I DON'T WANT IT

IS THERE SOMETHING YOU DON'T LIKE?
OR DO YOU HAVE AN ALLERGY TO SOME KIND OF FOOD?
DROP
EH
I CAN'T EAT
OR MORE LIKE
STAND UP
KOTOHA, WHAT'S WRONG?
I BIT MY TONGUE
THAT'S WHY I'M ALWAYS TELLING YOU TO EAT SLOWER!
AN
I
IT'S BLEED-ING


COULD IT BE THAT I FORGOT TO ADD SOME-THING?
YOU SHOULD GET IT ATTENDED TO
YOU DO IT KONDE
YOU'RE REALLY
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LIM.
PRESUMABLY
NN
!!!

SQUEEZE
KOTO
KOTOHA
HEY
WALKS OFF
HOLDING HIM CLOSE AHO BRINGING HIM BACK...
HE CAN DO IT ANYWHERE
SHEESH
YOU'LL HAVE TO GET USED TO THAT KIND OF THING.
TOUCH
EVEN IF YOU FEEL DISGUSTED BY IT.
WILL
END

FAINTS
ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE OLDER BROTHERS WITH SUCH A DRAMATIC WAY OF BEING SURPRISED..
HEY HEY
!!!
PUTS DOWN
WELL..
AT THE MOMENT YOU CAN DRINK A CUP OF TEA TO CALM DOWN

STANDS
YOU MADE EVERYTHING HERE BY YOURSELF?
THAT'S REALLY GREAT!
IF IT'S ALL RIGHT WITH YOU, YOU CAN EAT IT.
THANK-YOU VERY MUCH
FOR YOUR OFFER, BUT I CAN'T ACCEPT IT.

UH
SORRY IF THIS IS IMPO-LITE BUT...
WHO ARE YOU...?

I'M A FOX.
AH, I SEE
CLEAR VISION

AH.
I HAD A LOT OF CONFIDENCE WHEN I MADE THIS...
ACTU-ALLY...

HAA
ITADAKI-MASU!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BOTHER ABOUT ME
WELL GO AHEAD AND EAT
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE YOUNG YOU HAVE A BEAUTIFUL WAY OF HOLDING CHOPSTICKS
WHOEVER TAUGHT YOU, TAUGHT YOU WELL
YOU'RE A REALLY LUCKY BOY
RAIZOU BECAUSE YOU'RE JAPANESE,
YOU SHOULD AT LEAST LEARN HOW TO HOLD YOUR CHOPSTICKS PROPERLY
YES. THAT'S GOOD YOU'RE GETTING GOOD AT IT

WHEN PEOPLE SEE YOUR CHARACTER, THEY'LL DEFINITELY ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR PRESENCE
BUT IS IT REALLY ALL RIGHT FOR YOU? YOU DON'T HAVE TO FORCE YOURSELF TO BE A GOOD KID. IT'S ALL RIGHT FOR ME
THINGS ARE FINE THE WAY THEY ARE.
IF YOU STAY SINCERE
GRANDMA,
YES
THAT'S TRUE

HEY
WHEN'S THE NEXT TIME WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A "GUEST"?
WELL,
SINCE THERE'S A HOUSE-KEEPER NOW,
THAT'S THE ONLY THING I HAVE LEFT TO DO RIGHT?
HMMM? YOU'RE FINALLY IN THE MOOD TO WORK TODAY?
THAT'S A CHANGE FROM YESTER-DAY
IT'S BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE A SPIRIT GUARDIAN

KON-KUN HASN'T RETURNED YET, HUH...
AND THAT FOX GUY DISAPPEARED WHILE I WAS DOING THE WASHING

BUT, GRANDMA,
SOMEHOW, IT SEEMS ODD.....
I WONDER WHO THAT WAS ...?

I'M ALSO GOING TO DO MY BEST TOMORROW!

I'LL BE TRYING MY BEST THOUGH.

WHAT?!
GOOD MORNING!
KONOE-SAN, YOU'RE UP EARLY
HM?
WHAT KIND OF JOB DO YOU DO?
OPPONENT THE ENTIRE...?!
I WAS KOTOHA'S OPPONENT FOR THE ENTIRE NIGHT, LAST NIGHT,
I HAD NO TIME FOR A GOOD SLEEP
YEAH, I HAVE TO GET TO WORK
呪っちゃうぞ
SOMETHING LIKE A CONSULTANT
CURSES?!

DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S EMBARRASSING?
CAN'T YOU WEAR PROPER CLOTHES?
AND I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THIS SINCE YESTERDAY, YOU...
CRUMPLED T-SHIRT
DOES THIS IMAGE LOOK WEIRD?
JERSEY THAT WAS REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL
SWEATER WITH WOOL BITS COMING OUT
AND THE ONLY OTHER SHIRT WHICH IS CURRENTLY IN THE WASH
BUT THE INHERITANCE TAX...
I HAD TO HAVE MONEY TO BUY CLOTHES!
BUT I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO SPEND ON THAT KIND OF LUXURY!
THEN GO BUY SOME MORE!
DON'T YOU HAVE ANYTHING ELSE TO WEAR?!
OF COURSE IT DOES!! JUST LOOK AT YOU!!

THEN, I'LL PAY FOR THEM.
WHY DON'T YOU GO ALONG NOW?
KORBAN COFFEE
IT'S A GOOD THING I HAD TO SAY IT
FOR THIS KIND OF THING, I REALLY HATE TAKING THE TRAIN
IS THAT HIS NOT?
MUMMUR MUMMUR
WHAT'S THAT?

I HAVE TO KEEP TAKING TRAINS TO GET THERE...?
THAT'S TRUE
HEY, WHO THE HELL CAN'T TAKE A TRAIN?!
WHAT KIND OF ANSWER IS THAT?!
I'LL GET TRAPPED IN THE TICKET EXAMINATION SECTION WHEN IT CLOSES!
I CAN'T BE WRONG ONCE I PUT IN THE TICKET
WELL, IF KON ACCOMPANIES YOU?
EVEN THOUGH WAKI SAID IT SO INSIGNIFICANTLY,
WELL YOU'RE WRONG!
I DIDN'T KNOW
GLANCE
I'M SORRY IF I'M THE ONE WHO ASKED YOU TO DATE ME...
BUT, I THINK IT'S BETTER IF WE BROKE IF OFF
WHEN I'M WITH SHICHIKAWA-KUN, IT SEEMS AS IF IT'S JUST A REQUIREMENT FOR YOU, AND IT'S EMBARRASSING FOR ME.
I NEVER THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD HAPPEN
THAT KON WOULD COME ALONG WITH ME!!
SHE WAS SOMEONE I LIKED FOR A REALLY LONG TIME...
I WAS VERY HAPPY WHEN SHE CONFESSED TO ME...

KON-KUN
I'LL
GO ALONE FROM HERE.
誠
IT'S ALL RIGHT FOR ME BECAUSE,
I'M USED TO PEOPLE LAUGHING BEHIND MY BACK.
BUT BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT YOU'RE WITH ME...
WALKING ALONG-SIDE ME....
IT MUST BE KINDA EMBARRA-SSING, HUH?
KON-KUN, YOU'LL ALSO GET LAUGHED AT
IT'S AS IF YOU COULDN'T BE BOTHERED
IT WAS EMBARRASSING.

BUT I DON'T FEEL EMBARRASSED AT ALL
IF YOU CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT
WELL THEN, WE SHOULD GO BUY YOUR CLOTHES QUICKLY, RIGHT?
LET'S GO!

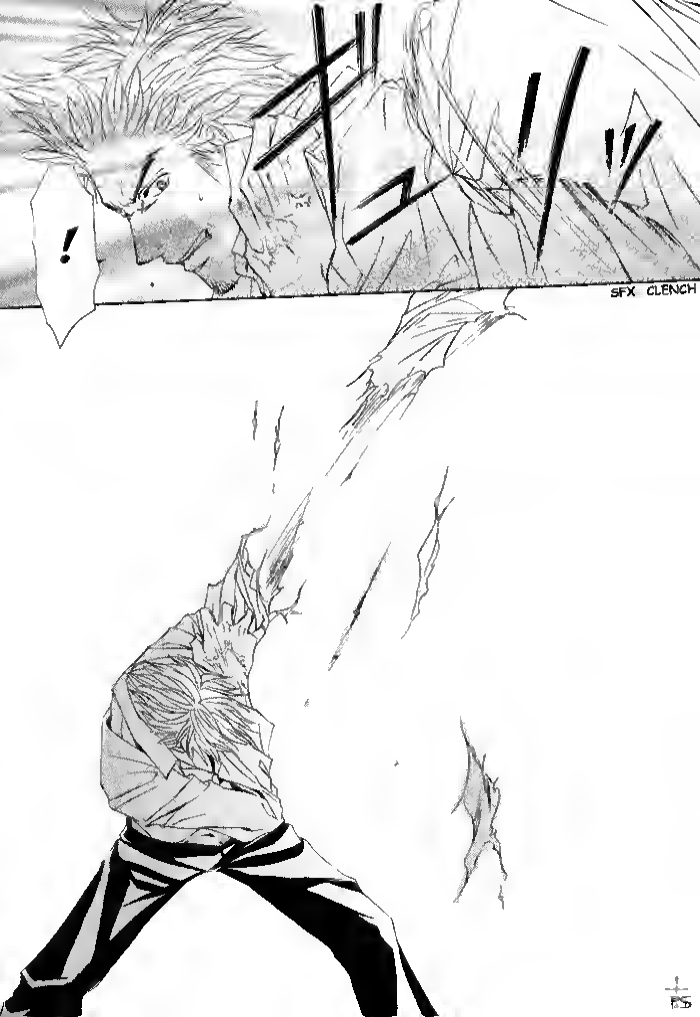
YEAH!
BEAMS JAPAN
THAT GUY'S REALLY SLOW
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT JUST CHANGING COULD TAKE THAT MUCH TIME!
?
HEY, YOU!

YOU'RE A 'KAMI-SAMA', AREN'T YOU?
KON-KUN, THANKS FOR WAITING!
I'VE FINISHED CHANGING
LET'S GO!
EH?
KON-KUN?!
WAKI...
WHAT WHOULD I DO?! WAKI...?!

WOOOOOSH
KON-KUN
WHAT WAS WRONG ALL OF A SUDDEN?
AS SOON AS WE GOT BACK HE WENT TO WAKI'S ROOM AND HASN'T COME OUT
SHUUUU
TONIGHT IT'LL BE HOT POT!
OH! IT'S READY!
BOIL BOIL

YOU'RE DOING SOMETHING COMPLICATED AGAIN JUST FOR DINNER
HUH
IT'S THE FIRST TIME WE'VE HAD HOT POT
WALKS
HOT POT'S A GOOD CHOICE SINCE IT CATERS TO A LARGE GROUP OF PEOPLE
EVERYONE, LET'S EAT TOGETHER!
THIS GUY DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE ANY SENSE...
HA.
KON-KUN!
MY SHARE
HMM?
EVERYTHING WAS PICKED OUT BY KON-KUN FOR ME
OH...! YOU'VE GOT BETTER LOOKING CLOTHES!

IT SEEMS YOU WON'T COME OUT FOR FOOD UNLESS IT'S SOMETHING SERVED IN SOME HIGH-CLASS CANTEEN
WELL
THERE'S OTHER REASONS AS WELL
AH IT REALLY IS HOT POT
I THOUGHT IT WAS SOMETHING ELSE. THAT'S WHY I CAME
BOIL
BOIL
BOIL
AH!
SHIVER
BENIO?
RATTLE
IT'S COMING .. !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SFX CLENCH

SPLASH

KONOE!
SPLASH
BANG
SHATTER
SHATTER
YOU IDIOT! KOTOHA!!
KONOE!
KON-OE!
BEFORE YOU DO THAT, PICK UP MY ARM!
IT'S GONNA BOIL!!

THIS IS NO LONGER A CRAB POT.
NOW IT'S MORE LIKE AN ARM POT.
NOW THE FOOD HAS GONE TO WASTE AND IT WAS FOOD WE DON'T GET OFTEN AS WELL.
SPLASH
FLE.. FLEW .....
THE ARM... ARM FL.. FL.. FL..
UU ....
GYAAAAAAAA

CLAP
CLAP
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT, CALM DOWN!
THE ARM BROKE OFF! GRAND-MA...!
THE ARM!
ROLLS AROUND
IT'S ALL RIGHT
SO CALM DOWN A BIT
THE AMBULANCE! THE HOSPITAL...!
THIS IS A REGULAR INJURY
I'LL ONLY NEED HALF A DAY FOR IT TO RETURN TO NORMAL

* KONOE IS REFERRING TO THE WORD KAMI (PAPER) THAT'S PRESENT IN THE WORD SHIKIGAMI (PAPER DOLL)

IT'S 100% NATURAL PAPER, MADE OF PULP.
THAT KIND OF KAMI-SAMA.

第二話_紙と言霊(ことだま)

WHAT'S WRONG, KOTOHA?
IT'S NOT A BIG INJURY. SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO MAKE THAT KIND OF FACE
UH NO?? THAT WAS QUITE A HUGE INJURY!
THERE'S NOTHING DIFFERENT ABOUT HIM FROM A NORMAL PERSON
I MEAN NO MATTER HOW I LOOK AT HIM
NO WAY
I'M A 'KAMI', THERE'S NO WAY I'LL BLEED
THE 'KAMI-SAMA' MADE FROM 100% NATURAL PULP.
NOOOOO!
COME WITH ME FOR A WHILE AND I'LL MAKE YOU PAY FOR IT IN SOME WAY
SINCE THE SECRET IS OUT I HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE
KILLING
AURA
SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE
WELL, NOW ...

I'D LIKE TWO SETS OF YOUR NIGIRI SUSHI, AND TWO SETS OF ROLLED SUSHI, ONE OF THEM WITHOUT WASABI, PLEASE
AH, IS THIS MIYAKO SUSHI?
COME OVER AND SIT ON MY KNEE
WAKI-SAN, HELP ME... EH?!
I-I'LL DEFINITELY NOT SAY ANYTHING TO ANYONE ABOUT IT.. SO ..!

I'M DEAD.....
I DON'T WANT TO DIE!!
UWAAAAN!

SNIFF
SNIFF
SHEESH! JUST WHEN DO YOU INTEND TO STOP CRYING?!
HERE! EAT THE SUSHI!
OH WELL, THIS IS SOME KIND OF FATE
WE SHALL TRUST IN RAIZOU, WHO SAYS HE WON'T TELL ANYONE ELSE ABOUT THIS ISN'T THAT FINE?
AH HA HA HA
I DEFINITELY WON'T SAY A THING EVEN IF I DIE!
EVEN THOUGH YOU SAY THAT, I GET THE FEELING THAT YOU DON'T TRUST ANYONE
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT

WELL BY THE WAY...
I HAVE A SERIOUS QUESTION
WHAT EXACTLY IS A KAMI-SAMA?
ALL OF A SUDDEN KONOE'S ARM CAME OFF AND THEN WAS FIXED SO EASILY.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THAT'S SO THOUGH
*OMYOUJI = A KIND OF SPIRITUAL PERSON - CLAIMS THEY CAN SEE & DISPEL GHOSTS - AND USE PAPER DOLLS CALLED SHIKIGAMI
AH...
THAT'S BECAUSE OF A REVERSING OF SKILL THAT MY ARM REATTACHED
THAT'S MORE LIKE REVERSING A CURSE.
YOU WERE FORMERLY PART OF THE MITOU HOUSE, RATHER UNEXPECTEDLY. YOUR MASTER WASN'T VERY CAREFUL, KONOE.
HEY, SHUT YOUR TRAP! HOW WAS I SUPPOSED TO KNOW THAT MY TARGET WOULD HAVE AN OMYOUJI WITH HIM?! THERE WASN'T ANYTHING ABOUT THAT IN THE INFORMATION REPORT!
YOU'RE JUST MAKING EXCUSES
EH? WHA-WHAT DID YOU SAY?
OMYOUJI?*

BUT DON'T LET SUCH DIRTY, HORRIBLE WORDS LIKE THOSE HANG FROM YOUR MOUTH.
I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU HEARD "KOTODAMA-SAMA" FROM,
IT'S AN EVIL THING, AND NOT ALLOWED TO BE USED...
YEAH.
IT'S WHEN YOU INSTILL POWER INTO WORDS
RAIZOU-KUN, DO YOU KNOW WHAT A 'KOTODAMA" IS?

"KOTODAMA — SHINTŌ-DERIVED PRACTICE WHERE SPIRIT AND REALITY ARE SOME SORT OF SPIRITUAL STATE INDUCED BY WORDS. IT INCLUDES THE IDEA THAT GOOD CAN BE BROUGHT ABOUT BY CORRECTLY INTONED 'BEAUTIFUL SOUNDING' WORDS AND EVIL BROUGHT ABOUT BY 'UGLY SOUNDING' WORDS OR INCORRECTLY PRONOUNCING BEAUTIFUL SOUNDING WORDS.

SENDING WORDS THAT... BECOME A KIND OF POWER...

EH?! THEN, DOES THAT MEAN THAT YOU CAN CURE SICK PEOPLE AND ENSURE WORLD PEACE?
THAT'S SO GREAT!
LIKE HELL I WOULD!
THE MITOU FAMILY...
IS A FAMILY THAT'S ABLE TO MAKE USE OF 'KOTODAMA'.

WELL, SINCE WE'RE ALONG THOSE LINES, HE CAN ONLY USE CURSES TO KILL PEOPLE.
Evil
AH HA HA
A DEMON ?!
THAT'S THE ONLY THING THAT'S NEEDED IN THE END AFTER ALL.
WORDS THAT CAN BRING DISASTER UPON THE OPPONENT
THAT MAY BE AN EVIL WAY OF DOING THINGS, BUT
FOR EXAMPLE.
WHATEVER IS SAID WILL EVENTUALLY TAKE ITS TOLL ON THE CASTER.
SQUEEZE HAIZOU'S HEART FOR A MOMENT
OWWW!
SHOCK
PULL
!
OUKA-SAMA!

WE BECOME THE SCAPEGOATS FOR THE MASTERS AND TALE ON ALL THE DISASTERS THAT ARE SUPPOSED TO BEFALL THEM AS A RESULT OF USING THE 'KOTODAMA' THAT'S WHO WE ARE...
WE 'KAMI' EXIST TO PROTECT THE LIVES OF THOSE USING 'KOTODAMA'
HEY YOU HAVE A GRAIN OF RICE STUCK THERE
SEE? THE BLOOD?
SO... PUTTING IT THIS WAY 'KOTODAMA' ALSO REQUIRES US TO BET OUR OWN LIVES.
A VERY → SMALL WOUND
I THINK THE PERSON WHO'S BETTING HIS LIFE HAPPENS TO BE ME THOUGH.
SHIVER SHIVER
* SINK POULT... A SMALL BOAT LIKE THING THAT JAPANESE PEOPLE RELEASE INTO THE RIVER. IT'S DONE EVERY 1ST SUNDAY IN APRIL. AND IS ACTUALLY PART OF A PURIFICATION CEREMONY
HEY! DON'T IGNORE ME!
JUST LIKE A SINK POULT*!
AH!
YUMMLE
SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
...NOT LIKE THAT, YOU STROKE THE BAD PARTS OF THE BODY WHILE LETTING IT FLOW INTO THE RIVER...
!
SOMETHING LIKE THIS...
USING THE WORDS AND MOVING THE INJURY AWAY
THERE ARE TWO METHODS OF HEALING THE WOUNDS INFLICTED BY THE 'KOTODAMA'

CONTACT WITH BODY FLUIDS...

HH
HH
KON'S A 'KAMI-SAMA'.
THEN, WHAT ABOUT KON? WHICH ONE IS HE?
SO, WAKI-SAN'S HIS
HIS MASTER
NO, I'M HIS FATHER.
....HUH?
I'M THE PERSON WHO MAKES THE 'KAMI-SAMA'
I'M A PUPPETEER

THE MAP OF POWER
AHA HA!
JUST AS I THOUGHT! IT JUST WOULDN'T BE LIGHT WITHOUT 'KAMI-SAMA'!
SPEAKING OF THAT,
'KAMI' AND 'KOTODAMA' THEY EXIST AS THE SAME SEX ALONE...
FLITTING WOMEN AND MEN TOGETHER?
SUCH THAT THEY WOULDN'T GET TOO INTIMATE
I THINK SO
TOGETHER THE SAME SEX...
I SUPPOSE THE ANCESTORS THOUGHT IT WOULD BE TOO VIVID?
HOW WOULD I KNOW!
DOUSE!...
1. THE SAME SEX,
2 MEN AND MEN, WOMEN AND WOMEN
NO WAY...
WELL, BECAUSE
THE LOWEST LEVEL
WHY THE HELL AM I SO FAR DOWN?!

I DON'T REMEMBER SAYING I WAS A GUY?
FRILLS
IF I REMEMBERED CORRECTLY, IT WAS A WOMAN'S NAME...

IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT.
DON'T TAKE IT TO HEART
EXASPERATED
.....
.....I ADMIT, I LOST.....

I HAVE
TICK
TICK
TICK
BENIO HAS OLIKA
KOTO! C'MON, LET'S GO BACK TO OUR ROOM
WELL THEN, WE'LL BE GOING AS WELL
OH, RAIZOU-KUN,
CAN YOU HEAT UP SOME AFTER-DINNER WINE FOR ME?
WOULD ONE SERVING BE ENOUGH?
HEY TAKE IT EASY WITH THE WINE WAK!!
AH HA HA HA
TALKING ABOUT THAT WAK!
DID WE LEAVE ANYTHING OUT?
AH...
DURING THE SPRING THERE'LL BE SOME RANDOM GUESTS GATHERING,
SO BE CAREFUL.
WHAT'S THAT?
KONOE HAS KOTOHA

KON-KUN?
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
ARE YOU FEELING UNWELL?
NO...
NOTHING'S WRONG...
REALLY?
SOMEHOW I THINK YOUR COLOR ISN'T VERY GOOD.
WELL, IF THERE'S NOTHING WRONG, THAT'S GOOD.

CLINK
!
IN THE END,
THEY DIDN'T GET TO EAT TODAY'S DINNER EITHER
BUT IT'S A COMFORT THAT IT'S NOT BECAUSE THEY HATE ME
THAT'S WHY THEY DON'T EAT WHAT I COOK
KON!
IT'S ALRIGHT! LET ME DO THAT!
IT'S MY JOB AFTER ALL!

SFX: CRASH!
KON!
I'M SORRY FOR BEING A HINDERANCE THEN!
AAH! IS THAT RIGHT?!
I WANTED
TO SAY THAT...
IT'S BEC-AUSE YOU'LL GET DIRTY
AND BROKEN THINGS ARE DANGEROUS

WELL?
DID YOU TAKE CARE OF THAT GUY'S CASE?
HEY, HEY THAT'S A TOTALLY DIFFERENT MATTER, ISN'T IT?
WELL, I WON'T STOP THE JOB,
IF KON'S ALRIGHT WITH IT
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO, KON?
YOU DIDN'T STAY TO LISTEN TO THE END OF IT. DID YOU?
THAT'S

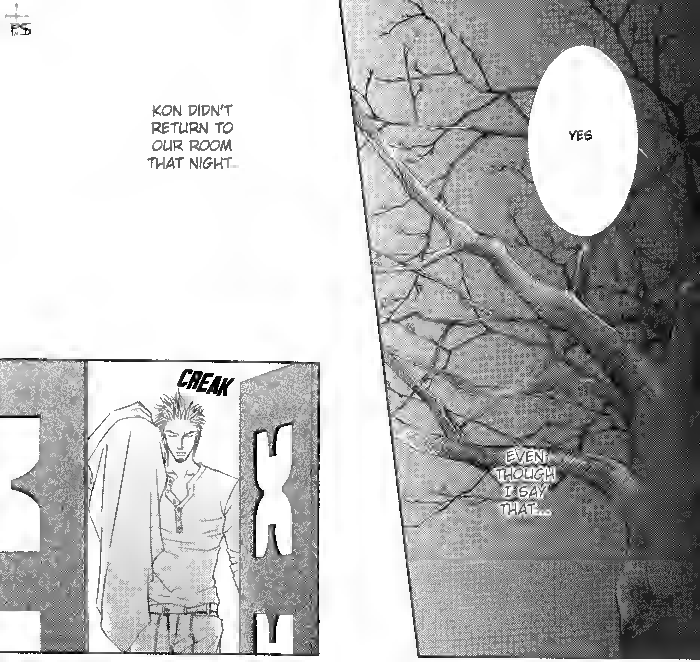
I UNDER-STAND.
THAT'S THE ONLY THING...
THAT I'M ABLE TO DO.
I WONDER WHY I'M IN SUCH SHOCK...?
GRANDMA...

OPEN
HAA
SPLASH
OH MY, THAT'S BIG!
IT HANGS THERE QUITE NICELY
YOU
AND TO TOP THAT YOUR PUBIC HAIR IS SO GOLD IN COLOR!
THAT'S SO AMAZING

IyAAAAAAAAAAAA
JUST NOW ...THERE WAS A NOISE...
OUKA-SAMA ...
IGNORE IT.
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?!
SHORE...
HEY RAIZOU-KUN, ALLOW ME TO SAY SOMETHING?
WHISPER WHISPER
I'VE ACTUALLY GOT SOMETHING TO ASK OF YOU
THERE'S NOTHING TO REALLY CRY ABOUT. IT'S NOT SOME KIND OF BIG TREASURE NOR IS THERE ANYTHING TO BE ASHAMED OF.
EVEN IF YOU STAY THERE AND CRY ALL DAY,
WWWW
COME ON, THERE'S NOTHING TO CRY OVER.

IT'S ESPECIALLY GOOD TO TREAT KAMI-SAMA'S INJURIES WITH...
HUH?!
WHAT'S THIS? CREAM?
SO I HOPE AT THE VERY LEAST YOU CAN TAKE CARE OF HIM
DOESN'T SEEM TO THINK OF HIMSELF AS ANYTHING.
THAT KID, DOESN'T
KON.
TAKE CARE OF~

KON DIDN'T RETURN TO OUR ROOM THAT NIGHT...



KICK
GET YOUR ASS MOVING TO SCHOOL!
WHAT THE HELL?! CAN'T YOU WAIT UNTIL YOU'RE BACK BEFORE YOU START WORRYING?!
KICKED OUT
I KNOW BUT,
I COULDN'T FIND KON ANYWHERE IN THE HOUSE...
STEP
CRRRR
STAND UP.
IT'S A WONDERFUL MORNING FOR AN OPENING CEREMONY ISN'T IT?
FOR TODAY, I'LL TAKE YOU ALL THE WAY TO THE SCHOOL

!?
.....
AFTER ALL, I'M ON MY WAY OUT AS WELL SO THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO FEEL BAD ABOUT ACCEPTING A RIDE.
SHIROSUKE! KUROSUKE! ARE YOU DONE WITH THE PREPARATIONS?!

WE'RE READY.
TSU...!
WHEN DID THEY?
WELL THEN, LET'S GET GOING!
UH...
W-WAIT ...!

WA...
WAIT, I SAAAY-
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
THAT GOLDEN HAIR
ONNA-SAAAAN
HE'S MOST LIKELY HERE—!
JUST AS I THOUGHT
THUD

JUST HOW LONG DO YOU INTEND TO KEEP THIS UP?!
YANK
HEY
KON
UNTIL I
BECOME ASH

IT'S NOT EVEN FOR YOUR MASTER OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT!
YOU'RE ACTUALLY TAKING THE INJURIES FOR THAT BAD GUY DEALING IN GOLD!
DO YOU ACTUALLY FEEL GOOD DOING THAT?!
IF YOU CAN DO IT WITH HIM, THEN YOU CAN DO IT WITH ANYONE!
HOW ARE YOU DIFFERENT FROM A PROSTITUTE?!
SHUT UP!
SHUT UP!
SHUT UP!
SHUT UP!
GET OUT!

MAKE A U-TURN BACK TO THE HOUSE!
SHIRO-SUKE!
I WASN'T ABLE TO SAY IT
I UNDE- STAND
WHAT? YOU FORGOT SOMETHING?
YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD ME ABOUT IT E.RLIER.
I'LL BE ALRIGHT ON MY OWN SO OUKA-SAN, YOU CAN JUST GO ON AHEAD TO WORK
I'LL GO TO WORK AS YOU TOLD ME TO BUT,
SHIROSUKE WILL GET YOU THERE FASTER THAN YOUR LEGS WILL
IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU NEED YOU CAN REACH ME WITH THIS
I'LL BE OF HELP TO YOU ANYTIME I CAN.
百合卍探偵社
所長 三刀 櫻花

WELL...
TAKE CARE
BOWS
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
A DETEC-TIVE
IS THERE REALLY SUCH A THING?
AFFIR-MATIVE

OPEN
WHAT IS IT?
DO YOU STILL HAVE THE WORDS LEFT IN YOU?
THAT'S GOOD

I'VE FINALLY FOUND YOU
'KAMI-SAMA'

YANK
STOMP
SL
WAK!
IDE
WAK!
.....!
I WON'T LET YOU RUN AWAY.
.....!
LET ME GO!
AH...

SORRY,
.....NN
BUT YOU'VE GOT TO LET ME DO THIS!

-ZE-
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OP EN
JUST FOR HOW LONG DO YOU INTEND TO LET KON DO AS HE LIKES?!
WAKI! WHAT I MEAN IS, AT THE VERY LEAST YOU SHOULD MAKE HIM CLEAN UP HIS OWN MESS!
KON IS SPECIAL TO THE PUPPET MASTER, YOU KNOW
WHY IS IT THAT I'M DOING IT?!
'I HOPE FOR A MEANING TO EXIST'
HE TOLD ME THAT
DON'T TELL ME NOT TO DO MY JOB

?!
TACKLE

DO KI!
HA
I FINALLY MADE IT BACK
IF I JUST GRAB MY BAG AND LEAVE QUICKLY WILL I MAKE IT IN TIME FOR THE SCHOOL ENTRANCE CEREMONY?
STEP
STEP

BLOOD?!
AH...
AH ...
AH...
HEH ...
YOU ACTUALLY BLEED WHEN YOU'RE STABBED WITH A KNIFE. ARE YOU SERIOUSLY JUST A DOLL?
BUT THEN AGAIN, FEELING PAIN IS SOMETHING ANY AVERAGE PERSON WOULD BE ABLE TO DO.

WELL, I'VE JUST ABOUT REACHED MY LIMIT
IF YOU DON'T WISH TO SEE YOURSELF GET HURT ANY MORE THAN YOU ARE NOW
I SUGGEST YOU JUST SHUT UP AND TAKE IT
SPIT
SPLAT
PULL
YOU...
I'M GOING TO KILL YOU!
IT'S BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO DIE
I'M DOING THIS KIND OF RECKLESS THING!

BUT IF THEY THOUGHT I'D JUST QUIETLY WAIT FOR MY TURN TO COME THEY'RE TOTALLY WRONG!
WHEN THE CHIEF'S CONDITION SUDDENLY TOOK A CHANGE, THERE WAS A CHANGE OF PLANS
AFTER THAT IF I JUST PAY THE CORRECT AMOUNT OF MONEY, EVEN GENMA WON'T BE ABLE TO SAY ANYTHING
I GOT STABBED IN THE GUT. I'M HURT A LOT WORSE THAN YOU ARE, ALRIGHT...!
PULL
BUT FOR YOU, I THINK IT'S FINE TO JUST STUFF IT IN, ISN'T IT?
'KAHI-SAMA'?
YOU REALLY SEEM NOTHING MORE THAN HUMAN...
I'VE HAD NO EXPERIENCE WITH THIS KIND OF THING WITH MALES AND I WAS WONDERING JUST WHAT I WAS GOING TO DO

?!
PUNCH

CHOKE!
STUPID KID! I'M GOING TO KILL YOU!!
PIERCE
HEY HEY, DON'T STEAL MY LINES WHENEVER YOU WISH
TWIST
TWIST
GYAAA!
BARGING INTO SOMEONE ELSE'S HOUSE UNINVITED, WHAT GIVES YOU THE RIGHT TO SHOUT? ASSHOLE!

URG ...
AH...!
KONOE.
CALL GENMA.

CLOSE
WELL...
TELL HIM TO COME AND COLLECT A DEAD BODY
WA-WAIT ...
P-PLEASE! WAIT!
GTA!!!!!
PI PI PI PI

YOUR HAND
EVEN THOUGH I'VE PUT SALVE ON IT, IS IT REALLY OKAY?
THIS KIND OF INJURY WILL HEAL FAST ENOUGH
SHOCK
GYOAAAAAA!
WHAT? ARE YOU SCARED?
YEAH, I AM!
I WAS REALLY SURPRISED

THEIR SCREAMS DURING THEIR LAST MOMENTS. THEIR BLOOD. THEIR INJURIES. AFTER A WHILE, YOU JUST GET USED TO IT.
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHO WAS THAT GUY—
PULL
!
PULL
PROBABLY SOMEONE WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A CLIENT, BUT NOT ANYMORE
I CAN HEAL SOMEONE EVEN IF HE ISN'T A 'KOTODAMA'.
IF I EXCHANGE BODY FLUIDS WITH A HUMAN, IT'S ALSO POSSIBLE
OTHER THAN THIS, I HAVE NO OTHER USEFUL TRAITS

BECAUSE I HAVE TO ACCEPT THE WOUNDS TO BE INFLICTED ON 2 PEOPLE IT BECAME SUCH
WHY?
THAT KIND OF THING...
YEAH
LAST NIGHT, THERE WAS A CLIENT FROM GENMA WHO NEEDED HIS WOUNDS HEALED AND CAME TO ASK ME ABOUT IT
SO...
THE REST OF YOUR WOUNDS ...AS WELL?
YOU CAN'T DO THAT... KON-KUN
HEALING SOMEONE, I GET THANKED AND MONEY COMES IN! WHAT'S SO BAD ABOUT THAT?!
BESIDES, TO DISAPPEAR LIKE THAT IS MUCH BETTER THAN DOING NOTHING AT ALL!
THAT'S MY JOB!
IF YOU KEEP DOING THAT KIND OF THING YOU'LL DIE FROM IT SOMEDAY, YOU KNOW
HMPH
WE 'KAMI' WOULD JUST TEAR, FALL TO PIECES AND EVENTUALLY BECOME ASH
I WON'T DIE!

IF I CAN'T DO THAT, THERE'S NO REASON FOR MY EXISTENCE AT ALL!
I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER KIND OF WORTH!
THERE'S NO OTHER CHOICE FOR ME! IT'S THE ONLY THING I CAN DO!
I'M A 'KAMI-SAMA'!
IT'S MY ONLY WISH TO BE HURT!

WHY'D YOU START CRYING ALL OF A SUDDEN?
TAKE KON SERIOUSLY...
TAKING YOURSELF AS JUST SOMETHING
THINKING IF YOU CAN BE USEFUL OR NOT,
IT'S NOT ALRIGHT!
THE POOR KID DOESN'T TREAT ...
HIMSELF SERIOUSLY... HE NEVER THOUGHT TO DO SO.

IT'S ALRIGHT!
IF YOU DON'T THINK OF THINGS LIKE THAT,
GRAND-MA,
TO BE ABLE TO LIVE WITH YOU, I'M CONTENTED
TO BE ABLE TO LIVE LIKE THAT, I'M CONTEN-TED
RAIZOU ...
RAIZOU,
THANK YOU FOR BEING THE CHILD IN OUR FAMILY
JUST BEING TOGETHER, LIVING WITH LAUGHTER,
THAT'S ENOUGH!
IT'S ENOUGH, JUST TO BE HERE...!

YOU'RE A GRANDSON THAT GRANDMA IS PROUD OF
FOREVER...
FOR-EVER
AS LONG AS YOU HAVE LIFE
THAT'S THE MOST AMAZING THING
I'M DIFFERENT
I'M 'KAMI'
THERE'S NO LIFE IN THIS BODY!
BUT YOU MOVE! AND YOU TALK, DON'T YOU?!

KON-KUN!
EVEN IF YOU'RE NOT HUMAN,
EVEN IF YOU'RE JUST SOMETHING LESS THAN AN ANIMAL,
YOU'RE STILL SOMETHING TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY, SOMETHING TO BE TREASURED, AREN'T YOU?!
KON-KUN
DID ASK TO CALL GENMA HERE, DIDN'T I?
WELL, I DEFINITELY,

WHATEVER YOU WANT TO SAY, YOU CAN TELL TO GENMA DIRECTLY AFTERWARDS.
WE WERE,
TOLD TO COLLECT THE DEAD BODY.

ONLY WAKI
FROM NOW ONWARDS, KON WON'T TAKE ANY MORE CLIENTS
IF YOU CAN'T HANDLE ONE PLINK,
WE'LL STOP ANY MORE TALKS ABOUT THE JOB
TELL GENMA,
THEN...
IT'S A GOOD THING HE'S IN HIS ROOM.
WAKI'S VOICE
WAKI IF IT'S WAKI, HE WON'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT MY JOB
WAKI IS THE ONLY PERSON WHO WOULD LET ME DO WHAT I WANT TO DO.

YOU CAN TELL HIM THAT
WELL, TODAY'S SITUATION HAS REALLY BEEN SURPRISING
OH WELL
THAT'S NOT IT

IS IT BAD IF THERE ISN'T A KOTODAMA AROUND?
HEY
KON DOESN'T HAVE A KOTODAMA AROUND RIGHT?
I SUPPOSE IF HE DID THE KOTODAMA WOULD BE USEFUL FOR HIM

HE WILL BECOME 'HAKUSHI'* AGAIN
IF THERE'S NO 'KOTODAMA-SAMA' OR IF HE CAN'T FIND ANYTHING ELSE TO REPLACE 'KOTODAMA-SAMA'
'KAMI' EXIST BECAUSE 'KOTODAMA' DOES
FORGETTING ALL THE WORDS THAT HE WAS GIVEN,
'HAKUSHI'?
IF I WERE TO EXPLAIN THIS IN TERMS OF HUMAN BEHAVIOR, IT WOULD BE VERY MUCH LIKE A WIDE-EYED COMA
EVERYTHING AND RETURNING TO THE BLANK WHITE STATE HE WAS BEFORE

* HAKUSHI MEANS BLANK PAPER

KON-KUN
I...
IF I CAN'T EVEN DO THAT I DON'T HAVE A REASON FOR EXISTENCE AT ALL!
TO DISAPPEAR LIKE THAT IS MUCH BETTER THAN DOING NOTHING AT ALL!
THIS IS MY JOB, YOU KNOW!
I...!
I'LL DO IT!!
...DO WHAT?

TAP
TAP
TAP
KON-KUN!
NO ENERGY
AH, THANK GOODNESS.
HMM? KON-KUN, WHAT'S WRONG?
I'VE FOUND YOU!
FOREVER ...
HMM?
I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT WHAT YOU TOLD ME.
WAS IT REALLY WRONG?
WHAT I DID...
IF I'M NO LONGER NEEDED ANYMORE...
AFTER ALL, EVEN WAKI SAYS HE WON'T LET ME DO MY JOB ANYMORE.
WHAT SHOULD I DO IF HE TELLS ME THAT?

DON'T WORRY!
I'LL MAKE SURE THAT NEVER HAPPENS TO YOU!
TAPTAP
TAPTAP
TAPTAP
TAPTAP
WAKI-SAN!
!
HE'S THERE!
WHAT'S THE RUSH?

PLEASE GIVE KON TO ME!
PLEASE!
A PROPO-SAL?
KONE
WHAAAAA?!
PUNCH
LET ME DOWN!
FLUSTERED
UHM, NO... I DIDN'T MEAN.... WHAT I MEANT WASN'T THAT, BUT..
FINE WITH IT IF KON IS
IT'S QUITE NOISY TODAY, ISN'T IT?
WAK!
YES
CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER

ARE YOU AN IDIOT?!
YOU IDIOT!
THERE'S NO WAY IT'S SO SIMPLE THAT ANYONE CAN BECOME A KOTODAMA-SAMA!
WHAT?!
BUT I HAVE A 'MANA' AND I CAN DO THE RITUAL...
I WANT TO BECOME A KOTO-DAMA-SAMA
ACTU-ALLY...
WAS WHAT I WANTED TO SAY...
I REMEMBER THE MEMO IS...
WHAT? YOU HAVE A MANA?
YEAH,
MY REAL NAME ISN'T IT?
LET ME SEE... THE STEPS OF THE RITUAL, FIRSTLY, IT'S...
'MY NAME IS RAIZOU!'

'KON'.
'AND YOUR NAME IS?'
'KON.'
'MY REAL NAME IS NANAKAWA SOHN RAIZOU.'

HEY, WHO DID YOU LEARN THIS RITUAL FROM, ANYWAY?
.....
HU
?
FS
HEHEHE
IT SOUNDS LIKE SOME SORT OF PRANK TO ME THOUGH
NO WAY?!!
AHA HA HA HA HA HA
DID HE REALLY BELIEVE WHAT I SAID?
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED, YOU'RE STILL AS EVIL AS EVER.
RAIZOU WILL REALIZE THAT SOON ENOUGH.

SWISH
THAT'S MORE TO YOUR CHARACTER, ISN'T IT?
INSIDE A ROOM WHERE I WOULDN'T GO...
DRINKING WINE AS IF NOTHING HAPPENED

SP
LASH
THE HYDRANGEAS HAVE STARTED BLOOMING AND I FEEL THE RAIN COMING, JUST LIKE IT DID TODAY.
-ZE-
WAH! KON, IF YOU KEEP STRUGGLING, I'M GOING TO ACCIDENTALLY DROP YOU!
THAT'S WHY YOU CAN JUST LET ME GET DOWN!
GRAND-MOTHER,
I'M IN HEAVEN I'M BEING BLISSFULLY SHOUTED AT TODAY AS WELL
WE'LL BE THERE SOON, SO PLEASE!
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH

CHAPTER 4 - ASARI

AH, WAKI-SAN! WE'RE BACK!
OH LOOK HERE
YOU REALLY LOOK QUITE THE DAMSEL IN DISTRESS THERE, KON
I THOUGHT I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO HOLD ONTO HIM UNTIL WE GOT BACK,
AND AS I THOUGHT I HAD TO LET HIM DOWN.

FWUMP
UMPH!
IN THAT KIND OF RAIN,
I TOLD YOU I'D BE FINE EVEN IF I GOT WET!
BUT IF YOU CATCH A COLD IT WON'T BE SO GOOD, RIGHT?
RAIZOU'S A REALLY GOOD BOY, ISN'T HE?

HE'S AN IDIOT ISN'T HE?
NO
UH...
AHH..
KONS' A KAMI-SAMA
HE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO CATCH A COLD.
DON'T BE STUPID ANYMORE AND REMEMBER THAT!
KOTOHA
YOU REALLY LOOK HAPPY, DON'T YOU
AHH

WELL STILL KAMI IS WEAK IN WATER
IN MY OPINION
WHAT RAIZOU-KUN DID SOUNDS RATHER CORRECT,

ARE
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
YOU DON'T LOOK VERY GOOD
ISN'T IT
SHE'S SUFFERING NOT FROM SUMMER FATIGUE BUT FATIGUE FROM THE RAINY SEASON
FATIGUE FROM THE RAINY SEASON?
NO MATTER WHERE YOU LOOK FROM, OR HOW YOU SEE THEM, THEY LOOK LIKE AVERAGE PEOPLE
BUT KONOE-SAN, BENIO-SAN AND KON-KUN ARE
THEY WHO TAKE ALL DISASTER BEFALLING THE KOTODAMASHI AND SUFFER IT THEMSELVES
THEY ARE KAMI-SAMA

SFX. CLENCH
BECAUSE I'VE SEEN MANY SITUATIONS WHICH AREN'T HUMANLY POSSIBLE
I'M USED TO THIS WORLD BY NOW
AND I'VE FINALLY ACCEPTED THER WEIRD HABITS
NN...
SURPRISE
!
!
ROLL

CLAT
TER

WHO WOULD THAT BE?
DOOR-TO-DOOR SERVICE?
DING DONG
YES!
WHO IS IT
OPEN
DRIP
ZAAAAAA
SO IT'S THAT WAY WELL
BUT YOU'RE FINE WITH THAT?
THEY WERE ALL AFTER KON-KUN'S KOTOHAMA-SAMA
I WONDER WHEN I CAN BECOME LIKE THE PEOPLE OF THE MITOUKE
BUT I'M ALWAYS MAKING KON ANGRY
YOU DON'T NEED TO BE LIKE THEM
SPEAKING OF WHICH I THINK I'M THE ONE WHO'S ADAPTING TO THE TIME YOU MAKE FOOD

ZAAAAAAAAA
HAND ASARI OVER TO ME.

NOTE: IN JAPANESE, ASARI ALSO MEANS CLAMS

WOBBLE
IT'S BLOODY NOISY!
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THERE TO MAKE A FUSS OVER?!
AAH?
YOU'RE
ISN'T IT SHOU!?
DO YOU KNOW HIM, KONOE-SAN?
HE'S MITOU'S SHOU!
HE'S THE HEAD OF THE MITOUKE AND A KOTODAMASHI
TELL ASARI TO COME OUT! I KNOW HE'S STAYING HERE!
HE S KOTOHA'S OLDER BROTHER

ASARI IS A PERSON?
ASARI? HE'S NOT SUPPOSED TO BE STAYING HERE.
B-BROTHER ...?!
KOTCHAS ...?!
GET HIM HERE! THERE'S NO WHERE ELSE HE COULD POSSIBLY BE
WAH!
YEAH, THAT'S ME
PULL
EH? ASARI'S YOUR NAME?
ACHOO!
YES

ASARI.

GURRR
ASARI!!
OH
WHEN DID YOU START STAYING HERE?!
OH, PRIMED
HM?
I'VE BEEN HERE FOR 2 OR 3 MONTHS
!!
LIVING IN

AND I THOUGHT I WAS MOVING AROUND QUITE ACTIVELY
SO YOU WERE IN THE ROOM RIGHT NEXT TO KONOE-SAN'S?
!!!!!!!!!!
TO THINK YOU DIDN'T EVEN REALIZE
YOU'RE JUST AS LOUSY AS I THOUGHT
KONOE
SO SHOU CAME FOR HIM?
PISSED OFF

MADE BY WAKI
THE SECRET ITEM:
KAKUREMINO
This is what Asari's been wearing. It's a set containing a fox face mask and white shouzoku. As there is a special protection barrier cast over it, it can hide the person who wears it. (However, it only works for those in Mitsuke's bloodline. A normal person'd find no effect in it.)
YOU COULD'VE TOLD US ABOUT IT, WAKI
WELL, IF ASARI WAS STAYING OVER,
AND HE WAS WEARING THE KAKUREMINO, OBVIOUSLY WE WOULDN'T'VE BEEN ABLE TO SENSE HIS PRESENCE!
A COLD?
BECAUSE I JUST GOT WET AGAIN
BUT IT'S ALRIGHT
SNIFF
ACHOO!
ACHOO!
THAT'S SO COOL! I FEEL LIKE I'VE SEEN A MOVIE WITH THAT KIND OF THING BEFORE!

I'VE ASKED WAKI MANY TIMES ABOUT YOU.
HE SAID THAT YOU WOULDN'T COME HERE.
AND AT THE SAME TIME IT SEEMS YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF TIME TO BE FOOLING AROUND
I FOUND YOU
BE QUIET ABOUT IT.
THAT'S BECAUSE HE WAS TOLD TO

SHOU!!

WHAT IN THE WORLD DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
HUG
I DON'T WANT TO DO THIS ANY MORE.
THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANY MORE OF THIS.

WHY DID YOU REJECT IT?
YOU'VE NEVER REJECTED IT BEFORE
THAT WAS BECAUSE IT WAS NEEDED
IT WAS TO HEAL YOUR WOUNDS WHEN YOU NEEDED IT AND I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D HAVE APPRECIATED IT VERY MUCH IF I STOPPED HALFWAY
IF IT WASN'T FOR THAT
I WOULD NEVER ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN
I WAS JUST PLAYING ALONG WITH YOU
IT WAS JUST SOMETHING CALLED PITY

A PROMISE
WE MADE A PROMISE!
THAT YOU'D PROTECT ME FOREVER!
UBUKU

.....
THAT'S USELESS NOW ISN'T IT?
AFTER ALL, YOU'VE STOPPED USING KOTO-DAMA
AND NOW IT'S HIGH TIME THAT THIS IS OVER.
ZAAAAA

IT'S ABOUT TIME...
TO LET ME GO...
AH...
UHM, IT'S DINNER TIME...
OPEN

SHOUI IT'S TIME FOR FOOD
I'VE MADE DINNER
THOUGH
AFTER THAT GO ON HOME

BANG
SILENCE
HMM?
UH UHM UH
UHM, YOU KNOW
WHAT IS IT RAIZOU-KUN?
SMILE

RAIZOU-KUN...?
CRACH
YOU'RE AN IDIOT AREN'T YOU!
IN THE END YOU'RE THE ONE WHO CAUGHT A COL...
I'M SORRY ABOUT THE BED
BESIDES,
I CAN'T POSSIBLY LET YOU SLEEP ON THE FUTON NOW.
IT'S OK, JUST GO TO SLEEP. I'M GOING TO ASK WAKI ABOUT WHAT I SHOULD DO.
THAT'S WEIRD... YOU KNOW...
PUFF
SIGH
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED.
I WAS FINE...

ASARI, YOU'RE SHOU'S KAMEJIMA AREN'T YOU?
SHOU'S NEVER GIVEN ONE TO ME.
THE FEVER.
...IT'S QUITE TOUGH ISN'T IT?
KON-KUN (EVEN THOUGH HE SOUNDS MEAN) IS SO NICE
SILLY GIRL
ONLY IN THAT HOUSE I AM
TO HAVE SOMEONE CARE ENOUGH TO BRING YOU BACK HOME? TO KNOW THAT SOMEONE S THERE WAITING FOR YOU TO RETURN..
ISN'T IT GREAT?
CAME TO GET YOU DIDN'T HE?
BUT SHOU-SAN,

DID SOMEONE MAKE YOU CRY?
SO YOU'VE BEEN HERE ALL ALONG?
I WAS LOOKING FOR YOU
IT'S COLD ISN'T IT? YOU SHOULD GET YOUR FEET WARMED QUICKLY
WELCOME BACK, RAIZOU
RAIZOU.
COME ON, COME HOME WITH GRANDMA

EVEN THOUGH I MIGHT HAVE A REASON TO LEAVE HOME
I STILL HAD A HOME TO RETURN TO
I ALWAYS FELT BETTER GOING HOME

...THAT'S TRUE...
IF YOU HAVE SOMEWHERE TO RETURN TO,
THAT'S A LOT BETTER.
I FOUND OUT FROM WAKI WHAT TO DO
OPEN
IF I DO THIS, YOUR FEVER'LL GO DOWN IMMEDIATELY.
KON-KUN?
EH...?

KISS
……

SPIN
SWIRL
!?

WHY'S IT YOUR FEVER'S EVEN WORSE THAN BEFORE?!
YOU GOT THE OPPOSITE RESULT.
KON'S A CHILD BEARING SIN

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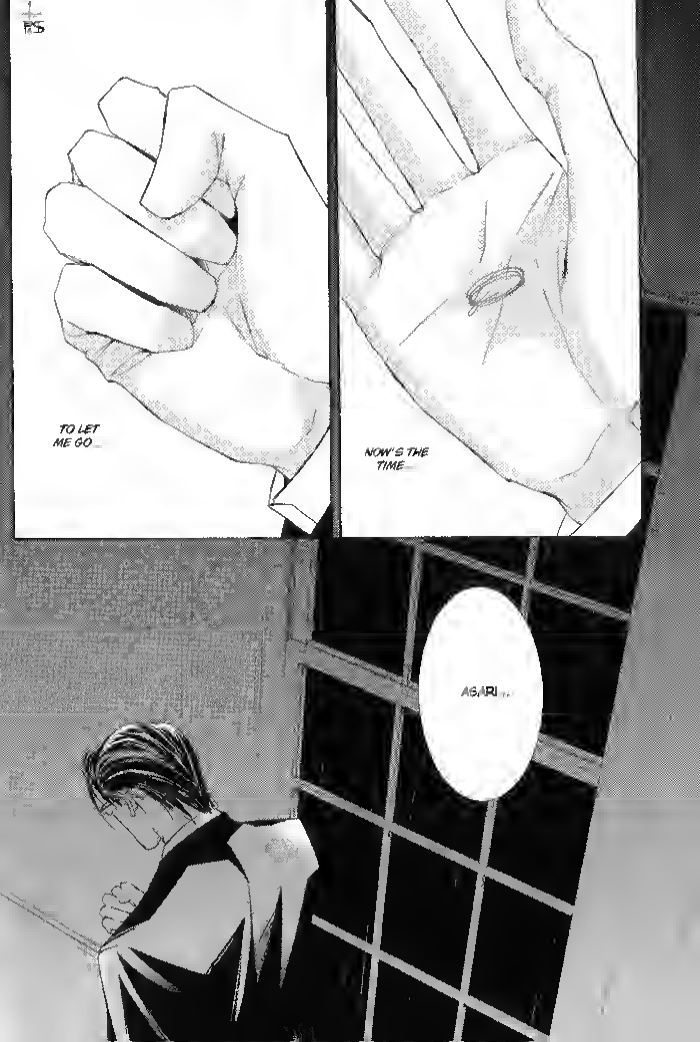
TO LET ME GO...
NOW'S THE TIME...
AGARI...

KON-KUN, I THINK IT'S BETTER IF I USE THE FUTON, YOU CAN USE THE BED.
AFTER ALL, MY FEVER SEEMS TO HAVE GONE DOWN, SO I'LL BE FINE.
HUH?!
YOU STILL HAVE A RED FACE. WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WHO KNOWS WHAT'D HAPPEN IF I TOOK THE BED FROM YOU
B-BUT KON-KUN, YOU CAN'T GO WITHOUT THE BED
BESIDES THE REASON MY FACE IS RED IS BECAUSE YOU KISSED ME!
THINKS
WELL THEN LET'S SLEEP TOGETHER!
WHAT?!
IT'S NOT AS IF I CAN CATCH YOUR COLD THAT EASILY. BESIDES, THERE'S STILL SPACE IN THE BED
THAT SHOULD BE A GOOD ARRANGE-MENT
A GOOD ARRANGE-MENT?

DRIP
DRIP
DRIP

SLEPT TOGET-HER...
WE...

Chapter 5 - Until I Become Ash

KON MADE THIS FOR ME?!
NO, I JUST HEATED IT UP
EEK!
EVEN SO THAT'S FANT-ASTIC!
PORRIDGE
IT'S REALLY TOUCH-ING!
THANK YOU, KON!
I'M HAPPY!
REALLY HAPPY
THANK YOU

*Tamagoyaki = Rolled Egg Omelet

TONIGHT I'D LIKE TO EAT BORSCHT*.
AND THEN HE'LL BE ABLE TO MAKE YOU SOMETHING GOOD TONIGHT.
NOW, WE'LL JUST HAVE TO LET KON TEND TO HIM AND CURE HIS COLD.
I'LL BUY YOU SOME ICE LATER SO BEAR WITH IT FOR A WHILE, OK?
EAT THE VEGETABLES TOO.
TAMA-GOYAKI

*Borscht = Beet Soup, served cold

SOMEHOW, I DON'T FEEL LIKE EATING OVER THERE
I SAID LAST NIGHT THAT I WON'T BE GOING BACK, SHOU!
NOT GOING BACK
UNLESS YOU RETURN WITH ME
I'M STAYING AS WELL

I ALSO SAID THIS LAST NIGHT YOU CAN JUST USE KOTODAMA FOR YOUR JOB,
THERE'S NO FURTHER NEED FOR ME
IS IT FINE JUST TO USE KOTO-DAMA?
IF A KOTODAMA MASTER CAN USE HIS STRENGTH TO BRING YOU BACK,
I'LL DO THAT NO MATTER WHAT!
FY THEN,
WAKI WOULD'VE PREPARED YOU A NEW KAMI-SAMA
I'M NO LONGER ...
YOUR KAMI THAT'S THE TRUTH

YOU SAID THAT...
BEING MY KAMI...
BEING BY MY SIDE...
YOU SAID IT WAS FATE, AND MADE THAT PROMISE!
IT HURTS...
MY ARM HURTS...
MY LEGS HURT TOO, I CAN'T MOVE THEM...
IT HURTS... IT HURTS...!!
WHY IS THAT I'M THINKING THIS WAY, WHEN I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO USE KOTODAMA FATHER?!
THAT'S YOUR DESTINY FOR BEING BORN IN THE MAINSTREAM MITOU FAMILY
GIVE UP FIGHTING IT AND ACCEPT IT
I DON'T WANT THIS... I DON'T WANT IT!
THE PRICE OF HURTING SOMEONE ELSE IS GETTING HURT MYSELF.

YOU HAVE TO USE A KAMI-SAMA.
YOU'RE REALLY RECKLESS SHOU!
ALONG WITH YOUR KOTODAMA
WHO
I'M YOUR KAMI-SAMA
ASARI

ASARI
BEFORE YOU, I WAS WITH RIKIICHI I WAS YOUR GRANDFATHER'S KAMI
HE'S THE BEST KOTODAMA MASTER IN THE MITOU FAMILY WITH THREE KAMI ALONGSIDE HIM
WHAT?
DO YOU HATE YOUR GRAND-FATHER?
EVEN SO, THAT IS YOUR DESTINY, SO YOU SHOULD STOP THAT
YOUR DESTINY FOR BEING BORN IN THE MAINSTREAM MITOU FAMILY
I DON'T BELIEVE IN THINGS THAT DON'T ASSUME A SHAPE
THERE IS A SHAPE
SHOULD I LET YOU SEE IT?
THE RED THREAD OF FATE.

THIS STRING THAT BINDS ASARI
UNTIL DESTROYAL COMES, IT WILL NOT COME OFF.
WHERE FROM
LOOK! THIS IS WHAT BINDS US TO EACH OTHER BY FATE
FOR THE YOUNG MASTER IT'S THIS EMBARRASSING THING THAT BINDS US
COTTON STRING
WELL WELL
TO USE KOTODAMA FOR THIS KIND OF THING. YOU MUST REALLY LIKE ME EH?
HA HA HA
KUKU
THERE, TAKE THAT
BI
ING
ASARI
YOU'RE CUTER THAN I THOUGHT
REALLY

I CAN BEAR WITH ALL OF THOSE,
WHILE YOU BECOME A GOOD MAN, SHOU!
I'LL STAY BY YOUR SIDE AND PROTECT YOU.
WHEN YOU'RE USING KOTO DAMA.
ASARI...

DO YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO SAY THAT ABOUT OTHERS...
KONOE...
ASARI'S REALLY HEARTLESS
IS IT? I'M GETTING THE CHILLS
HE'S REMEMBERING SOMETHING ROMANTIC
SEDUCING WITH THAT CHARM OF HIS..
ANY YOUNG KID WOULD BE KILLED INSTANTLY BY HIS POISON
KONOE-SAN?!
I WONDER WHO MADE MOVES ON A YOUNG KID LIKE, KOTOHA?
YOU LOLICON HOMO!

KONOE-SAAAAN?!
AREN'T YOU GOING TO SAY SOMETHING AGAINST THAT KONOE-SAN?
30 MINUTES LATER
KONOE-SAN WAS UNABLE TO STAND UP...
HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO LET AGARI BE AS HE IS NOW?!
BANG
URK?!
BANG DANG
TI 12 CK
DOOONG DOOONG
DOOONG

BRING HIM BACK, ASAP!
AT LEAST HAVE A GOOD GRIP ON YOUR KAMI'S BRIDLE!
WHAT?
WHAT?
IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU WANT TO SAY, JUST SAY IT!
THIS IS A HORRIBLE ATMOSPHERE TO HAVE DINNER.
!

OUKA-SAN?
?
RAIZOU-KUN
SORRY, BUT I'LL BE TAKING MY DINNER IN MY ROOM TODAY.
THEN I'LL BRING IT UP LATER
SORRY THANKS
SOMEHOW THIS IS NO PROGRESS!....

HEY
QUICKLY PREPARE A NEW KAMI-SAMA FOR SHOU!
AND?
YOU WANT TO BECOME WHITE PAPER AGAIN?
SLIDE
SURPRISE
I CAN JUST BECOME ASH
AFTER ALL I HAVE NO OTHER USE
THAT'S RIGHT

SHOU!...
I THINK I'LL JUST GO GRAB SOME WINE TO DRINK.
SIGH
I GIVE UP.

DO YOU WISH TO DISAPPEAR AND DIE?!
TO BECOME ASH, EXACTLY WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU THINKING, ASARI?!
DON'T SHOUT
KING
AT THIS KIND OF TIME...
I WAS TOO CAUGHT UP IN OTHER THINGS
WHO IS IT? WHERE FROM?
GET DOWN, SHOU!
THE KILLING INTENT IS COMING
ASARI?
IT'S COMING!

BANG
THAT I DIDN'T KNOW...!
I CAN DIE PROTECTING SHOU!
BUT THAT'S FINE
AT LEAST IN THE END,
IF I TAKE THIS, I PROBABLY CAN'T TAKE ANYMORE
A-AH
THIS ONE'S VERY DENSE

SHOUI.
GRAB
SHOU
?!

SFX: WHIP
IT'S A DISA-STER!
COME FOR ME!!
HN ...

SHOUI ...!
IT'S ALRIGHT IF YOU DON'T DO THIS...
YOU'LL GET TAINTED
AND YOU'LL BE HURT
IT'S ALRIGHT ...

NO MORE
THE ONE WHO GETS HURT,
SHOULD JUST BE ME ..

SFX SLAP
PULL
SHOU!
SHOU!
DO
AM

ASAKI
THAT'S ENOUGH
THE BLEEDING'S STOPPED
HN ...!
...HN ...
SHUT UP!
YOU CAN'T.
ASAKI ...

SLIDE
JIN
...
SLIDE
ASARI
WHY—
WHY DID YOU LET THAT ATTACK YOU WITH ME HERE?!
WHY WON'T YOU LET ME HEAL YOU?!

I LEFT THE HOUSE TO GET WAKI TO FIX ME UP, BUT...
THERE WAS NOTHING TO BE DONE...
I LOVE YOU.
I LOVE YOU...!
I COULDN'T HEAL YOU PROPERLY ANYMORE...
I LOVE YOU.
I LOVE YOU.
...QUICKLY FIND A NEW KAMI-SAMA.
IT WOULD'VE BEEN BETTER IF IT WAS PREPARED FOR ME
ASARI...
THERE'S NOTHING BAD ABOUT YOU
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN USING YOU FOR CRUEL THINGS
I'M THE EVIL ONE HERE

UNTIL DESTROYAL COMES, IT WON'T COME OFF.
I BIND ASARI WITH THIS STRING
UNTIL DESTROYAL COMES
I WAS HAPPY WITH THOSE WORDS
WHEN YOU'RE USING KOTODAMA, I'LL STAY BY YOUR SIDE AND PROTECT YOU.
FOREVER FOREVER I WAS HURTING ASARI.
DON'T SAY THINGS LIKE I WANT TO BECOME ASH...!
THAT'S WHY,
BUT NOW, I DON'T WANT YOU HURT ANYMORE
STAY WITH ME
DON'T LEAVE ME...
STAY BY MY SIDE
FROM NOW ON I'LL BE PROTECTING ASARI...!

I LOVE YOU...
BUT
I CAN NO LONGER BE OF MUCH USE TO YOU?
IT DOESN'T MATTER!
YOU JUST HAVE TO STAY BY MY SIDE UNTIL I DIE
THAT'S ALL
I LOOK LIKE A KID
WHAT'S WITH THIS POSITION
YOU IDIOT
YOU'RE REALLY CUTER THAN I THOUGHT
REALLY UNTIL I BECOME ASH
I LOVE YOU.

IT'S ALRIGHT
QUICKLY YOU CAN JUST MOVE
I'M NOT THAT EASILY—
BROKEN YOU KNOW
AFTER ALL WE'RE ALREADY LIKE THIS
I'M FINE
BUT YOU HAVEN'T

ASARI
ASARI..!

YES
BENIO.
ARE YOU ALIVE?
LET ME MAKE USE OF KOTODAMA.
LETTING THE TWO OF THEM GET INTO A FIGHT OVER SUCH A SMALL INSIGNIFICANT THING

WELL, YOU KNOW.
IF HE REALLY WANTED ASARI,
SHOUI WOULD'VE SACRIFICED HIS LIFE BEFORE
LOSING HIS IMPORTANT KAMI-SAMA
HERE! MEDICINE FOR THE WOUNDS!
IF YOU HAD JUST SAID IT, HAD TOLD ASARI TO GO BACK
AS USUAL
THE KAMI'S SUCH A NAIVE MAN
YOU COULD'VE DEALT WITH IT IN A MORE STABLE MANNER
WELL THEN,
SHALL I GO GRAB A DRINK?
...WAK!!
THE NEXT DAY
ASARI WENT BACK WITH SHOUI-SAN

BYE!
I'LL COME ROUND TO PLAY AGAIN! ♡
EVERYONE'LL BE HAPPILY AWAITING YOUR NEXT VISIT!
STOP THAT!
I WON'T BE WAITING!!
DON'T COME HERE AGAIN!!

I'm taking the sleeping bag with me

Asari

IN THE END...

KONOE COULD NEVER REALLY DEAL WELL WITH ASARI

EHP!
D-D-D-BUT...!
YOU DON'T WANT TO?
GRANDMA....
OBVIOUSLY
I CAN'T SLEEP!!
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FOR EXAMPLE
WHEN KAMI-SAMA AND KOTODAMA HAVE ANY KIND OF BODY FLUIDS CONTACT, THEY PASS WOUNDS TO EACH OTHER
YOU RAN INTO THE EDGE OF THE PILLAR?
IT HURTS
OF COURSE IT WOULD
YOU SHOULD BE MORE CAREFUL!
Naturally, then
KISS

YES.
I'LL HEAL THIS FOR YOU BENIO
A PAPER CUT IS SMALL BUT VERY PAINFUL
OK! EVERYTHING STOPS HERE NO FURTHER!
OUKA-SAMA
IT'S GOOD TO BE YOUNG.
WHERE? WHERE DO THEY MAKE CONTACT?
Ha Ha Ha
CENSORED STUFF

HERE. LEND ME YOUR FACE.
NOTE: ASAKI IS BETTING ON A HORSE RACE.
AND
WHAT'S UP, SHOU!?
YOU GOT THAT HAND INJURED?
SO CARE-LESS
NOT MUCH OF A CHOICE HERE. I'LL HEAL IT FOR YOU.
WHIP
?!
POKE
HAIZOU LEARNT THAT THE HUMANS COULD HAVE MORE THAN ONE KIND OF BODILY FUILDS CONTACT.
T-S IS COMING. IT'S COMING!
...NN
...

I Want Love To / END

Atogaki

Congratulations! The first book will start selling soon! YAY!

Hello and nice meeting you! A big thank you to those who've read my book this far! I sincerely enjoyed drawing this and hope that this was fun reading for everyone! Are your answers 'yes' or if not 'how was it'? I'll be very glad to receive any comments on thoughts or anything else about this work and I sincerely await them. Raizous and Kons relationship has just begun and new characters as well as new situations will arise in the books to come. Everyone can hungrily wait *laugh* for their arrival. I hope you've enjoyed everything. Well then, see everyone in the next book!

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